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1966 REVEALS THE FOLLOWING RAIL INFORMATION ON THE HA NOI/THANH
HOA RAIL LINE NEAR THE SERVICEABLE THANH HOA RAILROAD AND HIGHWAY
BRIDGE OVER THE SONG MA [REDACTED] AT 1950N 10548E:

A. A 3-TRACK RAIL YARD EXTENDS FROM THE MAIN LINE AT UTM
WG842938 SSW TO AN OPEN STORAGE AREA AT UTM WG849032. AT LEAST
60 PIECES OF ROLLING STOCK AND ONE STEAM LOCOMOTIVE ARE NOTED IN
THE YARD. THE OPEN STORAGE AREA CONTAINS RAILS, TIES, POL STORAGE
TANKS AND MISCELLANEOUS MATERIALS.

B. TWO RAIL FERRY SLIPS ARE LOCATED ON THE NE BANK OF THE
RIVER. ONE SLIP AT UTM WG837931 APPEARS COMPLETE. APPROXIMATELY
445 FT OF TRACK EXTENDS FROM THE SLIP TOWARD THE 3-TRACK RAIL YARD
(PARA A) AND APPROXIMATELY 400 FT REMAIN TO BE LAID. CONSTRUCTION
OF A SECOND RAIL FERRY SLIP AT UTM WG838930 IS IN EARLY STAGES OF
CONSTRUCTION. APPROXIMATELY 185 FT OF TIES WITHOUT RAIL HAVE
BEEN LAID FROM THE FERRY SLIP TOWARD THE RAIL YARD. TWO PILE
DRIVERS ARE LOCATED AT THE SLIP SITE AND SEVERAL PILES HAVE BEEN
EMPLACED.

C. TWO RAIL FERRY SLIPS ARE LOCATED ON THE SW BANK OF THE
RIVER. ONE SLIP AT UTM WG836927 IS PROBABLY COMPLETE. THE SECOND

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FERRY SLIP AT UTM WG835929 IS IN EARLY STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION. SOME PILINGS AND ONE PILE DRIVER ARE NOTED IN THE RIVER AT THE SLIP SITE. NO RAIL OR TIES ARE OBSERVED ON THE APPROACHES OF EITHER FERRY SLIP, HOWEVER STACKS OF TIES ARE OBSERVED IN THE AREA.

D. BOTH OF THESE RAIL FERRY SLIPS (PARA C) WILL PROBABLY BE CONNECTED TO THE MAIN RAIL LINE BY UTILIZING A PREVIOUSLY EXISTING ROAD AS A ROADBED. THE GENERAL ALIGNMENT OF THIS ROAD IS FROM THE AREA OF THE FERRY SLIPS NW TO UTM WG831933 THEN SW TO ITS JUNCTION WITH THE RAIL LINE AT UTM WG827931.

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MAP REF: UTM COORDINATES FROM AMS SERIES L701 SHEET 6170I & II
GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES FROM USATC SERIES 200 SHEET 0617-05HL

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